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1. The Blazenov plan(1) has not yet been applied to all Czechoslovakia, but it is intended to apply it to the following Czechoslovak lines and centers by 30 September 1952:
  - a. Cheb-Plzen-Prague-Pardubice-Ceska Trebova-Brno-Breclav-Bratislava, with the following branch lines:
    - 1) Ceska Trebova-Olomouc-Kosice;
    - 2) Brno-Prerov-Bohumlin;
    - 3) Bratislava-Zilina-Vrutky.
  - b. Podmokly-Usti nad Labem-Roudnice-Prague-Tabor-Veseli-Mezimosti-Ceske Budejovice, with the following branch lines:
    - 1) Usti nad Labem-Liberec;
    - 2) Veseli-Mezimosti-Ceske Velenice;
    - 3) Ceske Budejovice-Plzen.
2. As a result of growing Soviet demands on Antonin Pospisil, Czechoslovak Minister of Transport, for transit traffic, special measures have been taken in connection with the application of the Blazenov plan. The capacity of storage facilities at Bratislava, Zilina, Vrutky and Kosice is to be increased by one-third, the work to be done by 30 September 1952. Soviet experts are supervising the facilities for the Huko concern at Kosice.
3. Trackage and storage facilities at Prague are now being increased, with no time limit set for completion. The work is going on at two junctions in Prague, Prague-Bubny and Prague-Vrsovice, on the line Podmokly-Prague-Ceske Velenice, which connects East Germany with the Soviet zone of Austria.

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4. The expansion by one-third of the trackage and storage facilities at Trencin, which was to have been complete by 30 April 1952, has been postponed until 30 May. This is needed for delivery from the K.I. Voroshilov works at Trencin to Hungary, Poland, and the USSR.
5. Preparations for the extension of facilities have been given an urgent priority at:
  - a. Usti nad Labem: the coal station;
  - b. Hrotovice: the storage station for deliveries of heavy equipment to the USSR;
  - c. Strakonice: the transit reloading station for arms from the Ceske Zbrojovka (Czech Armament Works);
  - d. Prague-Smichov: the storage station for deliveries of electrical equipment to the USSR;
  - e. Ruzina: the junction on the new line Turna nad Bodvou-Roznava.
6. Traffic in the mining district Vitkovice-Kuncice will be reorganized as of 1 July 1952 (sic).

- (1)   Comment: The reference is to a plan reported to have been proposed by V.G. Blazenov, a Soviet railway expert who inspected Czechoslovakia in 1951 and recommended the expansion of the capacity of railway and storage facilities in Czechoslovakia by one-third before the end of 1952.

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